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SUBJECT: TNC WORKING GROUP 3(B) ON NON-TARIFF BARRIERS

1. SECRETARIAT HAS DISTRIBUTED NOTE (MTN/3B/6) WHICH DESCRIBES CURRENT STATUS OF GATT WORK ON NTB'S AND PROPOSES WORK PROGRAM FOR TNC WORKING GROUP ON NTB'S.

2. COPIES OF NOTE ARE BEING CARRIED TO WASHINGTON FOR KELLY-STR BY FSO CLAY BLACK.

3. MTN/3B/6 PROPOSES FOLLOWING WORK PROGRAM (PARAGRAPH NUMBERS KEYED TO TASKS FOR TNC AS SET FORTH IN TNC PROGRAM OF WORK, MTN/2):

A. PARAGRAPH 2. PRESENT NEW NTB INVENTORY TO GROUP FOR "CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE GUIDANCE". PROVIDE RUN-DOWN OF CURRENT SITUATION OF DOCUMENTATION OF JOINT WORKING GROUP ON IMPORT RESTRICTIONS OF MAJOR DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AS WELL AS OTHER DOCUMENTATION ON NTB'S OF INTEREST TO LDC'S.

B. PARAGRAPH 8. SECRETARIAT PROPOSES THAT "THE GROUP MIGHT EXAMINE THE TWO POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS, CONTAINED IN THE ANNEX TO SPEC(73)17, FOR THE ELIMINATION OF QUANTITATIVE RESTRICTIONS WHICH WERE ELABORATED BY WORKING GROUP 4 OF THE COMMITTEE

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ON TRADE IN INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS IN MARCH 1973 WITH A VIEW TO

RECONCILING THE DIFFERENT VIEWS EXPRESSED IN THESE TWO ALTERNATIVES. THE DIVERGENCE RELATES TO THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

- (A). WHETHER LEGAL AND ILLEGAL RESTRICTIONS SHOULD BE TRKEATED AS ONE PROBLEM OR AS ENTIRELY SEPARATE ISSUES;
- (B). WHETHER LIBERALIZATION OF RESTRICTIONS APPLIES BOTH TO DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, OR TO DEVELOPED COUNTRIES ONLY;
- (C). SHOULD EXPORT RESTRAINTS BE DEALT WITH ON THE SAME BASIS AS QUANTITATIVE RESTRICTIONS OR AS A SEPARATE PROBLEM.

THE GROUP MIGHT EXAMINE POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVE SOLUTIONS BEARING IN MIND IN EACH OF THESE ALTERNATIVES THE QUESTION OF DIFFERENTIAL TREATMENT FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

THE GROUP MIGHT FURTHERMORE DISCUSS WHETHER ADDITIONAL STATISTICAL MATERIAL OR FURTHER ANALYTICAL WORK IS REQUIRED, ESPECIALLY IN RELATION TO PRODUCTS OF EXPORT INTEREST FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES."

C. PARAGRAPH 12. SECRETARIAT PROPOSES THAT "THE GROUP MIGHT LOOK AT THE BACKGROUND NOTE ON PACKAGING AND LABELLING WHICH WAS PRODUCED BY THE SECRETARIAT IN OCTOBER 1973 (COM.IND/W/114).

ANOTHER POSSIBLE TASK FOR THE GROUP MIGHT BE TO CONSIDER TO WHAT EXTENT THE PROBLEMS RELATING TO PACKAGING AND LABELLING ARE OR SHOULD BE COVERED BY THE PROPOSED GATT CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PREVENTING TECHNICAL BARRIERS TO TRADE (STANDARDS CODE) (COM.IND/W/108 AND CORR.1)."

D. PARAGRAPH 14. SECRETARIAT DESCRIBES CURRENT STATUS OF WORK ON IMPORT DOCUMENTATION AND SUGGESTS THAT "THE GROUP MIGHT WISH TO DECIDE HOW IT WANTS TO EMBARK UPON THE WORK AT HAND, POSSIBLY WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF CUSTOMS EXPERTS (FOR THE ALL-PURPOSE ENTRY DOCUMENT), BEARING IN MIND THE ON-GOING WORK IN THE CCC AND THE ECE."
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